

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 1, lines 2-4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This is a Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/674,712 filed November 16, 2000, now U.S. Patent Number 6,610,251 B1, which in turn is a National Stage of PCT/JP00/03435, filed May 29, 2000. The entire disclosure of the prior applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended/substitute Abstract.